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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above-captioned application, please amend the
application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows (a marked up copy of the amended
specification is attached to this Amendment):

**Please replace the paragraph on page 8, lines 10-16, with the following
paragraph:**

A/ The following detailed description illustrates an embodiment of the invention by way
of example, not by way of limitation of the principles of the invention. Various embodiments
of the invention will be described by way of illustration with reference to various software
tools, but it should be understood that other software tools that have comparable capabilities
of the mentioned tools may be used and other medical device aside from TPEGs may also be
developed using this invention. In addition, although the invention is discussed in the context
of prosthesis and specifically endovascular grafts, this is in no way meant to limit the scope
of the invention.

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